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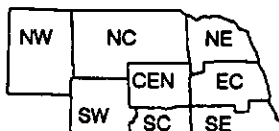
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WEATHER

The week was warm and dry. Temperatures averaged from seven to eleven degrees above normals. Trace amounts of precipitation over the northeast and central portions were the only precipitation to occur throughout the State.

GENERAL

Ideal fall harvest weather conditions last week aided field drydown of crops but the higher moisture levels in corn and sorghum grain continued to slow harvest activities, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers are waiting as long as possible for crops to field dry as artificial drying has been necessary in most cases after harvest. Some producers are combining crops at a higher-than-normal moisture content to get the crops out of the field before any adverse weather conditions arise this fall. Other activities included digging sugar beets, harvesting sunflowers, moving hay to winter feeding areas, and fencing stalk fields for gleaning.

CROPS

Corn harvest made good progress last week but at a slower pace as many producers were giving the crop time

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to further field dry. At 26% combined, the harvest was over three weeks behind the five-year average. Artificial drying has been necessary for most harvested grain.

Soybean harvest made excellent progress and was nearing completion. As of Sunday, 96% had been harvested and was ahead of the five-year average at 95%.

Sorghum harvest progressed slowly due to the high moisture content of the grain. Harvest was about 20% complete at week's end, but was nearly four weeks behind normal.

Sugar beet harvesting continued in full swing in the Panhandle. Dry bean and sunflower harvesting continued as crop and field conditions allowed.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 27% fair, 54% good, and 19% excellent. The recent warm, dry weather has prompted the need for additional moisture for the crop.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 96% of normal and compares with 65% last year at this time. Some producers were weaning and working calves while others were waiting for moisture to "settle the dust" before additional activities. Cattle were being moved to stalk fields as stalks became available.

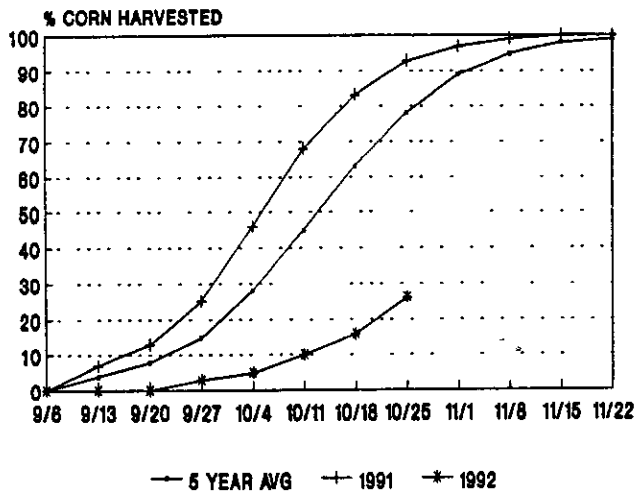
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 25, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	30	28	13	40	25	13	35	34	26	16	93	78
% sorghum mature	100	88	98	98	97	86	95	100	97	92	100	100
% sorghum harvested	0	13	17	35	20	4	21	22	20	9	97	86
% soybeans harvested	0	77	96	94	95	81	99	99	96	84	100	95
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 23, 1992												
Days suitable	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.9	5.5	6.9	
Topsoil moisture - Short	88	27	15	15	0	50	0	0	23	8	93	
(Percent) - Adequate	12	73	85	85	95	50	100	100	76	84	7	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	8	0	
Subsoil moisture - Short	41	18	0	0	0	0	0	6	9	5	85	
(Percent) - Adequate	59	82	100	100	86	100	100	94	88	91	15	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	3	4	0	

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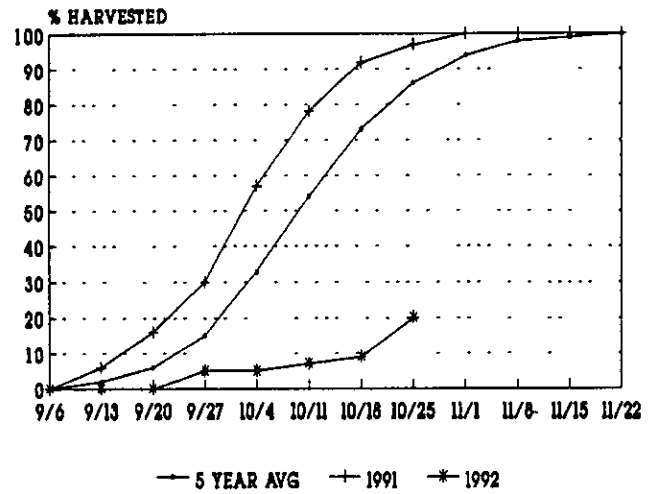
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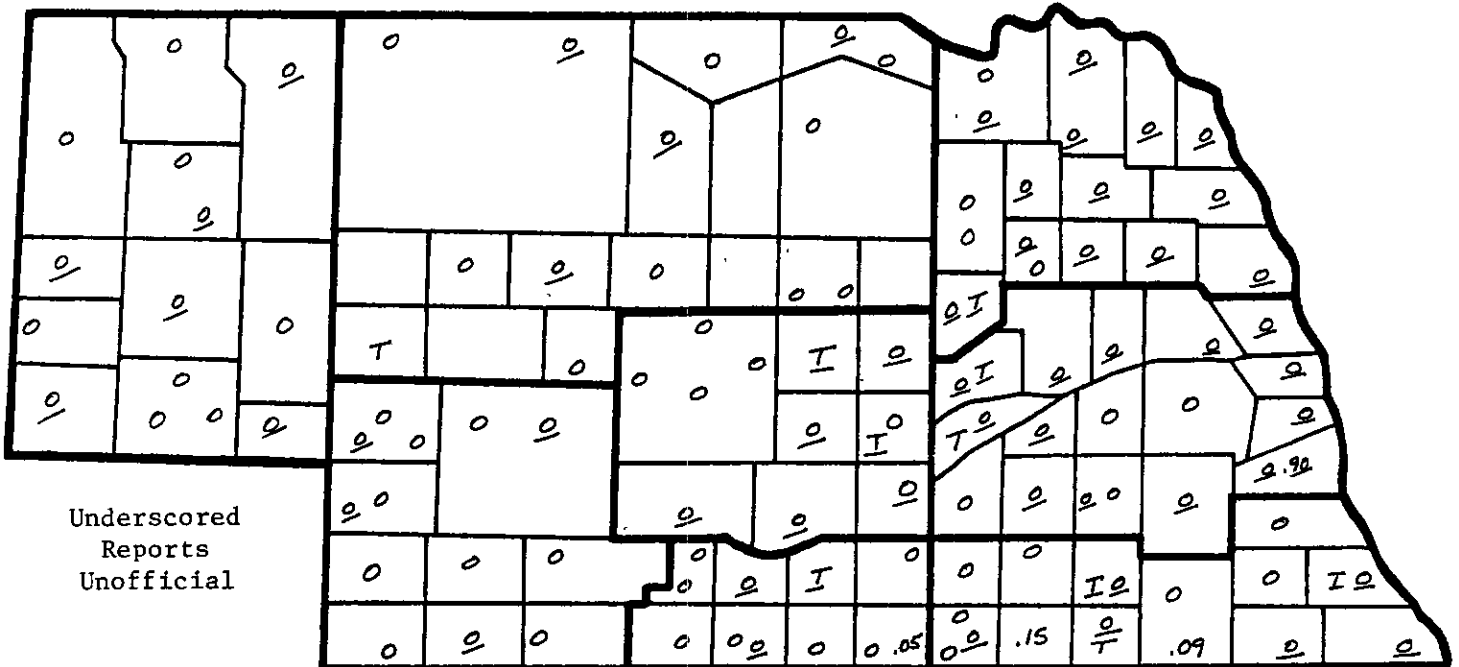
PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SORGHUM HARVESTED



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1992



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1992

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	88	30	59	---	0
	Scottsbluff	83	28	55	+7	0
	Sidney	80	29	56	---	0
NC	Valentine	88	30	58	+11	0
NE	Norfolk	83	31	59	+10	.02
	Sioux City	81	31	58	+8	0
CEN	Grand Island	82	34	59	+8	.01
	Ord	83	30	58	---	0
EC	Lincoln	84	34	60	+9	0
	Omaha	81	39	61	+10	0
SW	Imperial	86	31	57	---	0
	North Platte	86	30	57	+9	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.